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Krishna-Pennar Project was accordingly proposed. The Pulichintala Project has not been investigated in detail and besides the area can be served more economically by the Godavari. Schemes for this and other areas will be investigated in detail and taken up later.

" (e) The scheme is under the consideration of the Central and Madras Governments and the Planning Commission. If coordinated and economic development of all areas and the speedy production of additional rice are to be achieved, the scheme must not be interfered with."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government have represented to the Government of India that whatever may be the future possibilities of using the waters of the Godavari, the scheme submitted by them so far as the Krishna waters are concerned should be given prior consideration? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Subsequently, Sir, the Planning Commission appointed a Technical Committee and they have been touring or have already toured various areas, and they are examining the most feasible scheme. It is expected they will be able to make their recommendation in respect of the schemes to be taken up very early."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Technical Committee are seized of the question of the Godavari waters also or only of the Krishna waters? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" They are seized of the matter of the availability of the Godavari waters also."

Scales of salaries of teachers.

* 105 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received representations from the Madras Teachers' Guild and its various branches demanding enhancement of the scales of the salaries of teachers ;

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to lay on the table of the House, the memorial or representation received from the Madras Guild ;

(c) whether the Government have considered the representation, and if so, what orders have been passed thereon ;

(d) when the Government fixed the salaries of various grades of teachers on the last occasion ; and

(e) what the index of cost of living is at the present day when compared with the cost of living on the date when the scale of salaries was fixed by the Government on the last occasion?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) A representation has been received from the South India Teachers' Union communicating the recommendations of the Conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of the District Teachers' Guilds on the subject.

" (b) A copy[a] of the representation is laid on the Table of the House.

" (c) A general revision of the scales of pay in respect of all categories of teachers is not feasible, in view of the present financial stringency. However, the question of revising the scale of pay of the secondary grade teachers has been engaging the attention of the Government and a decision is expected to be taken as early as possible.

" (d) The scales of pay were only revised in 1947.

" (e) The cost of living index number for September 1951 was 340·3 as compared with 271·7, the average cost of living index number for 1947 in Madras City."

Report of the expert committee on radium needles.

* 106 *Q.*—DR. P. V. CHERIYAN : With reference to the Press Note No. 140 issued by the Government on 7th September 1951 stating that an expert committee considered the question and advised the Hon. Minister that the radium needles are better than radon seeds in the treatment of cancer, will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the members of the committee and whether he will be pleased to place a copy of the committee's report on the table of the House;

(b) whether the Government called for quotations for a radon plant; and

(c) if the answer to clause (b) is in the affirmative, what the cost of restarting the radon manufacture would have been?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" (a) The conference of experts which met on 3rd August 1949 to advise Government on how best to utilize the available radium for the patients was composed of Dr. Rajan, the then Minister of Public Health, the Joint Secretary, Education and Public Health Department, the Surgeon-General, the Superintendents of all the City State Hospitals, the Director, Barnard Institute of Radiology, Col. Pandalai, and Drs. Guruswami and Rama Rau. There was a free discussion on the policy of Government to decentralize Radium treatment and hence there was nothing by way of a detailed report.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 245–248 infra.